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OF ORDER IN COUNCIL ordering investigation into Life Insurance and of Commission issued under said order.

EXTRACT from a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by the Governor General, the 28th February, 1906.

On a report dated 26th February, 1906, from the Minister of Finance, submitting that in view of the widespread interest at present manifested throughout the country in matters relating to Life Insurance, and while the Superintendent of Insurance and his officials have conducted a careful investigation, the results of which will in due course appear in reports to be laid before Parliament, it seems desirable that in addition to this usual official examination there should be a more general inquiry of a public character, at which the fullest opportunity can be afforded for an inquiry into all matters relating to this very important subject.

The Minister further submits that he deems it desirable that such inquiry should be undertaken immediately by a Commission of competent persons, so that its results may be communicated to Parliament during the ensuing session, for the assistance of Parliament in any legislation which may be found necessary in amendment of the insurance laws.

The Minister therefore recommends that a commission be issued under the provisions of chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, intituled: 'An Act respecting Inquiries concerning Public Matters,' appointing commissioners for the following purposes :—

1. To inquire into,
 - (a) the general subject of Life Insurance and Life Insurance Systems in Canada;
 - (b) the operations of the various companies chartered by the Parliament of Canada, or by any province and licensed under the Insurance Act, transacting Life Insurance in Canada, including expenses of management, investment of funds and other allied questions.
2. To make the like inquiry, as far as deemed necessary, into the operations of companies other than those chartered by the Dominion or a province, transacting in Canada the business of Life Insurance.
3. To inquire into the operation of the laws of the Parliament of Canada relating to and governing the business of Life Insurance, both as regards Canadian companies and companies not Canadian, and to consider and report upon any amendments necessary.

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Commissioners so appointed to have power to employ expert assistants and witnesses and require them to give evidence on oath or solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in law; to produce such documents and things as such Commissioners deem necessary for the investigation of the matters hereinbefore referred to, and generally to do all things conferred by the said Act.

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The Minister further recommends that the following gentlemen be appointed Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid, namely:

His Honour Judge D. B. MacTAVISH, of the City of Ottawa;

JOHN W. LANGMUIR, of the City of Toronto, and

AMBROSE L. KENT, of the City of Montreal; and that

HENRY T. ROSS, Barrister, of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, be appointed Secretary to the said Commission.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

JOHN J. McGEE,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

COMMISSION

Appointing His Honour DUNCAN BYRON MAC TAVISH, *et al*, to conduct an investigation with respect to certain matters relating to the business of Life Insurance in Canada.

Dated February 28, 1906.

Recorded March 3, 1906. (Sd.) Joseph Pope, Dep. Registrar General of Canada.

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CANADA.

Edward the Seventh by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, or whom the same may in anywise concern.

GREETING :

WHEREAS, in and by an order of our Governor General in Council bearing date the twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and six, provision has been made for an investigation by our commissioners therein and hereinafter named with respect to certain matters relating to or affecting the business of life insurance in Canada, as upon reference to the said Order in Council, a copy of which is hereto annexed, will more fully and at large appear.

Now know ye, that by and with the advice of our Privy Council for Canada, we do by these Presents nominate, constitute and appoint His Honour Duncan Byron MacTavish, the Judge of the County Court of the County of Carleton, in the province of Ontario, John W. Langmuir, of the city of Toronto, in the said province of Ontario, Esquire, and Ambrose L. Kent, of the city of Montreal, in the province of Quebec, accountant, to be our Commissioners to conduct such inquiry.

To have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office, place and trust unto the said Duncan Byron MacTavish, John W. Langmuir, and Ambrose L. Kent, together with the rights, powers, privileges and emolument unto the said office, place and trust, of right and by law appertaining during pleasure.

And we do hereby, under the authority of the Revised Statutes respecting inquiries concerning public matters, confer upon our said Commissioners the power of summoning before them any witnesses, and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and to produce such documents and things as our said Commissioners shall deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which they are hereby appointed to examine.

And we do hereby require and direct our said Commissioners to report to our Governor General in Council the result of their investigation, together with the evidence taken before them and any opinion they may see fit to express thereon.

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In testimony whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS:

Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin the Right Honourable Sir Albert Henry George, Earl Grey, Viscount Howick, Baron Grey of Howick, in the County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom and a Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.

At our Government House, in our City of Ottawa, this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, and in the sixth year of our reign.

By command,

JOSEPH POPE,
Under-Secretary of State.

Signed. E. L. NEWCOMBE,
Deputy Minister of Justice,
Canada.